Dolphin Tales

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November Birthdays

Annabelle C.	11/2	Lincoln L.	11/18
Tegan A.	11/4	Aiden W.	11/19
Ms. Kelly	11/9	Claire C.	11/22
Parker C.	11/11	Charles G.	11/27
Emmett C.	11/13	Ms. Ginny	11/28
Blaire P.	11/18	Serena C.	11/29

Important Dates

November 11th	Fall School Portraits
November 20th	Thanksgiving Feasts in Classrooms
November 23rd–27th	Thanksgiving Break
December 8th	Lower & Upper Elementary Concert with NWGA Winds
December 15th	MSOR Holiday Program | 6:00pm
December 18th	Holiday Classroom Celebration (Half Day)
Dec. 21st–Jan. 1st	Winter Break
January 4th	School Resumes



Historical

TIMELINE



























Halloween Parade

































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MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Thanksgiving Feasts

Our Thanksgiving feasts are a special tradition that brings our school community together.

CLASSROOM FEAST TIMES	
11:00	Toddler
11:15	Primary
11:30	Lower Elementary
12:00	Upper Elementary, Adolescent & Secondary

Keep an eye out for a message from your child's teachers with feast details and a sign-up to bring a dish!

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ December 19, 2026 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Montessori School of Rome honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Myrtle Hill Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/GA0557

REMEMBER ME
WREATHS across AMERICA
Honoring 250 Years of American Heroes

#RememberMe

✦ Wreaths Across America ✦

This year the Montessori School of Rome is a sponsor for Wreaths Across America! This is a national organization dedicated to honoring our veterans with the goal of placing a wreath on the grave of every American Veteran from the American Revolution to present conflicts.

THE HISTORY

The tradition began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine found themselves with an excess of wreaths at Christmas time. The owner of the company, Morrill Worcester, decided to send the wreaths to the Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC to decorate the tomb of the Unknown soldier and the surrounding graves. With community support, this became a tradition that has taken place every year. In 2005, the tradition grew and began to include 7 wreaths going to every state: one for each branch of the military and one for MIA/POAs. As of 2025, Wreaths Across America included 3.1 Million wreaths and 5,598 locations. And the numbers keep growing in support of our country and our veterans!

REMEMBER ME
WREATHS across AMERICA
Honoring 250 Years of American Heroes

As a school community we have set the goal of sponsoring 30 wreaths to contribute to this project!

OUR COMMUNITY

The Rome community is working together to get a wreath on every soldier's grave in Myrtle Hill Cemetery this year to not only honor those that have supported our country, but to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our incredible country. Myrtle Hill has 941 veteran graves!

THE CEREMONY

On December 19th, all of the wreaths purchased from around the country will be placed on veteran graves. The Rome Ceremony will take place on the same day at Myrtle Hill Cemetery at 12:00pm EST. We are also looking for volunteers that would be willing to help lay wreaths on this day. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lili (lili@msor.org).

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

To help support our community, we are asking our families to consider sponsoring a wreath (by purchasing through our QR code located on the flyer) or by donating cash (in any amount) in the Main Office. Every wreath is $17 and with every wreath purchase, Wreath's Across America will donate $5 back to the school to help give back to our community. So with every sponsorship, you are not only supporting our veterans but you are supporting our school community as well.

Through the website, you are able to purchase any number of wreaths you would like and your name will be listed on our sponsor's page. Wreaths are automatically sent to Myrtle Hill Cemetery when purchasing through our website, however, if you would like your wreath to go to another location (ie. if you have a family member that is located in another cemetery and would like to put a wreath on their specific grave, that can be arranged through the website as well).

For more information from Wreaths Across America, please see their website: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/

To make a sponsorship please use the QR code found in the flier, or follow this link: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/193631/Overview?relatedId=179695

If you have any questions, would like assistance in making a sponsorship, or would like to volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony, please contact Ms. Lili McNulty: lili@msor.org

Wisdom Knowledge Peace

MONTESSORI
SCHOOL *of* ROME



Holiday Program

Tuesday, December 15th

6:00pm

Rome City Auditorium

TICKETS

Adults $10 • Children ages 4–12 $5
3 and under free

Toddler News

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Stephanie's Class






Where did October go??? It honestly flew by!! It's seems the "ber" months do that! We sure had fun talking, reading and singing about nocturnal animals.
I hope you enjoyed the Halloween parade. It gets a little crazy but it's fun.

This month we are learning about opposites and also talking about and reading Nursery Rhymes. They are really enjoying this so far. We will also talk and read about the very first Thanksgiving. Hopefully, we will have time for several crafts.

We will have our Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 20. A sign up sheet will go out soon on Sign up Genius.
If you would like to bring something other than what's on the list, please let us know. If you come to eat with your child, we ask you to please take them with you after we eat if anyway possible. It was really tough after the Halloween parade for most of the ones that stayed.

Remember our picture day has moved to this Wednesday, November 11. We can start taking pictures as soon as 8:30 so please everyone be here on time. We might do our group picture first if everyone is here.

Please make sure to label all outerwear with your child's name.

Please remember to send your child's library book back by Friday each week. They love. picking out books and can't get a new one unless the previous one is brought back.











Toddler News

Ms. Kelly's and Ms. Kristin's Class

Fall is upon us and we are learning about Thanksgiving, the concept of opposites, and grace and courtesy lessons. We are also beginning to prepare for our Christmas program.

We have recently been blessed with three new students: Crosby, Raeva, and Emerson. We are so grateful they have joined our class, and they are quickly making new friends!

Please remember send in changes of clothes marked with your child's name appropriate for the cooler weather. We will send home the warm weather clothes.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving classroom feast on Friday, November 20th. Parents are invited to attend and we will set up a SignUpGenius – Keep an eye out for a link to be sent out via email soon!

To support your child in the classroom we kindly as that you let them begin dressing themselves as much as possible. This includes putting on socks and shoes. For our youngest children it may be as simple as letting them unfasten and refasten the velcro straps on their shoes and sitting on the floor and pulling on their pants. These are skills we have them do in the classroom because they support their independence.

In this season of Thanksgiving we are thankful to be a part of your child's journey to becoming a thriving, successful, independent person.

"Every unnecessary help is a hindrance to development."
Maria Montessori













Primary News

Ms. Angie's and Ms. Kelly's Class

We had so much fun at our Halloween parade last week. Thank you to Dia's family, Gray's family, and Annabelle's family for providing a delicious Halloween lunch. Thank you to Logan's family for the wonderful cookies as well.

We are studying the first Thanksgiving this month. We will study Native Americans and the pilgrims and why we celebrate Thanksgiving. We'd love to have an ear (or few) of Indian corn for our practical life area if anyone would like to donate them to our class.

We will host our Family Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 20 at 11. We will have a small program with lunch following. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up genius in the coming days.

Tues. 11/13: FRUIT Josie M.
Mon. 11/9: FLOWERS Merritt P.
Tues. 11/10: FRUIT Merritt P.
Wed. 11/11: Picture Day
Tues. 11/17: FRUIT Davis S.
Fri. 11/20: Family Thanksgiving Feast
Mon. 11/23– Fri. 11/7: Thanksgiving Break
Mon. 11/30: FLOWERS Davis S.
Tues. 12/1: FRUIT Fateh S.



Primary News

Ms. Ortrud's and Ms. Teri's Class

The Importance of Choice in the Montessori Casa

Choice is an essential part of the Montessori Casa environment. When children are given the freedom to choose their own work, they develop independence, confidence, and a sense of responsibility. Through making choices, children learn to recognize their interests, follow their curiosity, and take ownership of their learning. Each choice becomes an opportunity to grow, explore, and develop a love of learning.
In the Casa classroom, children are introduced to a variety of activities and materials that encourage exploration and discovery. As they become familiar with the environment, they learn to make thoughtful choices about what they would like to work on, how long they would like to spend on an activity, and when they are ready for a new challenge. This freedom is supported by clear boundaries, classroom expectations, and guidance from the teacher.
Children also learn that choice comes with responsibility, including caring for materials, completing their work, and returning activities to their proper place. Over time, these experiences help children develop concentration, self-discipline, decision-making skills, and confidence in their own abilities.

For further reading,
please click on the link below.

https://montessori-ami.org/trainingvoices/choice
















Lower El News

Ms. Robin's, Ms. Maggie's, and Ms. Rana's Classes













In Montessori education, the changing seasons are more than just a backdrop—they are integral to the learning experience. Fall, with its vivid colors, crisp air, and abundant harvests, inspires students to engage with nature in meaningful and educational ways. From leaf sorting and nature walks to practical life lessons and seasonal art, Montessori students learn to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the natural world while building essential skills that will serve them throughout life.

By incorporating the fall season into the curriculum, Montessori educators provide students with a holistic, sensory-rich learning experience that fosters curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. As the leaves change and the world transitions into autumn, the classroom comes alive with the spirit of the season, inviting students to "fall into learning" in the most natural and joyful way possible. Here are some examples:

- Seasonal Journaling
- Seasonal Art and Creative Expression
- Leaf Classification
- Nature Walks

Revolving classroom materials grouped around the change of seasons offers students a connection to the environment outside their window. These materials can also encourage students ask their families to explore nature with them. The benefits of connecting students to nature is well documented. Among the benefits are restored attention, less stress, increased self-discipline, and greater creativity. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this beautiful weather and explore the outdoors.

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
-Lucy Maud Montgomery

Upper Elementary News

Historical Time Line - New Lessons ~ Renaissance Marquis Visit ~ Halloween

In The Classroom - New Math

Our students have begun lots of new concepts in math -absolute value, square roots, monomials, binomials, and trinomials. They are exploring these lessons through old and new material, which allows them to stretch their mathematical thinking and build a stronger foundation for algebra.

As the 5th and 6th years work through these concepts, they are learning to see patterns, value organized work, and follow different steps to solve problems. Some of the lessons require extra thought and practice, but it has been wonderful to see our class accept these challenges and work through problems independently.

One of the most rewarding parts of watching students grow in math is seeing the confidence that comes when a challenging concept finally clicks. Through practice, corrections, and perseverance, our students are developing not only new math skills but also the patience and confidence to tackle increasingly complex work.

Renaissance Marquis Visit!

Our class has an annual tradition of visiting our friends at Renaissance Marquis retirement home on Halloween. This year, we invited our future upper elementary students to join us. The third years were excited to be part of our outing. Everyone enjoyed seeing the residents in costume and receiving lots of candy from them!





History Come To Life

October brings fall colors, new lessons, and a special opportunity for our students to bring history to life. Each student selected an inspiring historical figure to research. They worked hard to recreate and share how their person's achievements have shaped our world.

Through reading, research, and thoughtful preparation, our class connects the past to the present. Presenting their speeches not only built their confidence and public speaking skills, but also empowered them to use their voices.

The students' hard work was rewarded by seeing their classmates' creativity and hearing so many unique stories. I'm proud of how much effort everyone put in, and it was wonderful to watch them shine.





















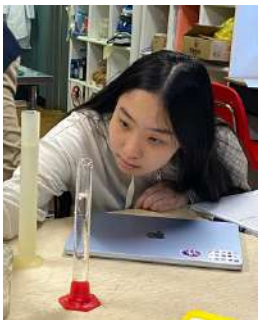
ADOLESCENT & SECONDARY

Festivals, history, gratitude

November 2026

Autumn is one of our favorite times of the year, and our Adolescent and Secondary students are making the most of this beautiful season! As we settle into the heart of the semester, we are celebrating so many wonderful accomplishments, from the excitement of our Fall Festival to the creativity and public speaking skills showcased in MSOR's Historical Timeline. It has been a season full of learning, growth, and meaningful experiences, with so much still to look forward to! We are excited to gather as a community for our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 20th (keep an eye out for more important details coming soon) and to share in the joy and celebration of our Holiday Program on Tuesday, December 15th. We are grateful for all that this season brings and look forward to making even more wonderful memories together!









A Fall Fest thank you!

To all of the Montessori Students and Families,
Thank you so much for coming to our annual Fall Festival! We had so much fun celebrating with everybody and seeing the Halloween costumes! We really appreciate everyone's support and hope to see everyone again next year!

--Claire Chen *(8th Grade)*

Dear volunteers helping at Fall Festival,
Thank you for helping us at the Fall Festival, we hope you had fun because each one of you volunteers made our annual Festival much more fun and special! We couldn't have done it without you all helping us. Words can not express how much we are thankful for your support!

--Sabrina Chen *(8th Grade)*

Dear Ms. Shemi and Mr. Jim,
Thank you for helping us set up and plan Fall Festival. You have helped us so much these past years even if we were lost in the ocean of issues and solutions. You're both amazing and we want you to know that we are always grateful for and appreciate how much you have done and do for us. Without your support and care, this event would not be as great as it was this year!

--Wanling Chen *(8th Grade)*

Historical Timeline

I feel, when I am introducing a 1st grader, like I am boosting their confidence. They have done the research but get nervous when it comes to doing their speeches. So it feels nice to be that person who is able to motivate and help them. The reason I like working with Lower Elementary students is because I get to be their guide. I love to hear their speeches and give them advice on how they can make it better. To me, it feels like a thanks to the adolescents that helped me in the past.

--Charles Giles (10th Grade)

What are you thankful for?

Benjamin- My Friend Luca
Charles- Friends and Family
Claire- My family
Kaleb- Virtues
Parker- My friends and trees!
Sabrina- Family and my dog
Seanna- Family
Tegan- My dogs
Wanling- My Grandpa
Will M.- My friends
Will T.- My friends from school
Wyatt- My grades and education

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."--Melody Beattie

A Moment of Thankfulness

Tegan Ashley

I am thankful for a community based school and the opportunities I get to have here as well. At Montessori, we are lucky to have the opportunity to be there for one another and grow as close as we are. I believe it is important to have community and support from your environment and I am very thankful for this. Although I am thankful for the environment I have now I am thankful that it is my final year and I can move on to bigger things. I am excited to start a new journey and find other groups of support and community wherever my next chapter takes me. Montessori has been a fundamental start to my career, life, and new found dreams.

I also am thankful for my parents and everything they've done to support me through this program and section of my life here at Montessori and I am thankful for the unending support I will receive after Montessori. At school, Ms. Shemi is like our second mother and guide for life. Like a parent, she has shown me through opportunities and challenges I was not sure how to face all while helping me stay grounded through the busy life. Like my parents, I am very thankful for her guidance as well and everything I've learned from these amazing figures.

Most importantly, I am thankful for how far I've come at Montessori. When I began here I was a shy, stubborn, 4th grader, who was looking for the next goal. Since then, I have grown into a well structured young adult who is comfortable in my abilities and ready to take on the next best thing. If it weren't for Montessori, I would most likely still be that shy young girl. So, with that being said, I am very thankful for everything Montessori has given me and continues to give me.



Benjamin Cramer

I am thankful for all of the unique experiences such as going on world wide trips, learning how to run micro businesses, and learning how to work with others. We get to do these special trips, events, and activities all because Ms. Shemi is enabling all of us to work at our absolute best with one another and by ourselves. I am thankful for all of my friends that I have made and for all of my teachers who have supported me throughout all of my ups and downs. They have shaped me into the person I am today and I am forever thankful for them. I am also thankful for our school program doing things that other schools won't offer. I am very thankful for the hands-on learning system we have which has allowed me and many others to be productive as well as learning the importance of working hard. I am thankful for all of the sleepovers, bakesales, and events like fall festival where we learn how to work our own station as well as filling in for others when they need a break. I am also very thankful for this program because of all the times I have had to speak to each and every one of you. It has helped me with my public speaking and my social awkwardness. The graduation speeches, Historical Timeline, and the most recent which is the day of the dead. I am very thankful for the opportunity to not only be a part of our community and do the fun events that we do. But also, sharpen my teamwork abilities and become a leader by running these events.





Kaleb Pearson

I have been a part of Montessori since I was 18 months old and among the many lessons I have learned gratitude is definitely one of the most notable. While I am thankful for many things I am the most thankful for the opportunity to attend this school through the hard work of my mom. Without her I would have never been able to have so many experiences that Montessori has presented me with. It is her and all other Montessori parents that allow for their kids to obtain such a great education that Montessori provides.





